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ATTEMPTED BANK ROBBERY NETS SAN ANTONIO MAN 20 YEARS IN FEDERAL PRISON

U.S. Attorney Johnny Sutton announced that 41-year-old Hugh Douglas Dentler was sentenced this morning to 20 years in federal prison for the attempted robbery of the TexStar Bank in Converse, Texas.

In addition to the prison term, United States District Judge Fred Biery ordered that Dentler be placed under supervised release for a period of three years after completing his prison term.

On April 4, 2005, Dentler, wearing a mask, attempted to enter the financial institution but was denied by tellers. Dentler was subsequently captured after leading Converse police officers on a high speed chase. Investigators also recovered a loaded 9mm semi-automatic pistol which Dentler had thrown into a temporary pond located next to a residential area during his attempted escape from capture. At the time of his arrest, Dentler was on state parole stemming from a 30-year sentence for burglary of a habitation in Harris County, Texas. A federal jury convicted Dentler of one count of attempted bank robbery on October 19, 2005.

This prosecution resulted from an investigation conducted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Converse Police Department. Assistant United States Attorney Larry Mathews prosecuted this case on behalf of the Government.

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